



Rec 1714

CASE TD/4-22777/MA 2229/A/PCT

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Lynn Giralamo
Type or print name

Lynn Giralamo
Signature

3/3/06
Date

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1714

NORMAN STEWART BATTY ET AL

Examiner: K.A. Sanders

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/12062

FILED: October 30, 2003

FOR: THICKENING AGENTS COMPRISING A
CROSSLINKED POLYMER POWDER

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/533,012

35 USC 371 DATE: APRIL 28, 2005

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER

Sir:

Responsive to the **Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.21)** mailed on February 15, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response to which is set to expire on March 15, 2006, applicants herewith submit the corrected section, i.e. the claims with all of them properly identified.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.